

1. Getting Ready for Work



He **woke up**. He got out of bed. He went to the restroom and took a **shower**. The water was cold at first. He made it warm. He took ten minutes to shower. He stepped out of the shower. The floor became **wet**. He **grabbed** a **towel**. He **wrapped** it all around him. He went to his bathroom **mirror**. He saw his **reflection**. He looked handsome. He had grown **facial** hair. It was time for him to **shave** it. He grabbed the shaving **cream** and **poured** some in his hand. He spread the shaving cream around his face. He grabbed the **razor** and started shaving. He cut himself by **accident**. It started **bleeding**. He was not hurt. He washed his face and applied after shave. He put a band -aid on his

cut. The cut **stung** him a little. He dried himself, and started getting ready for work.

2. Going to Sleep



She came back home from work. She looked at the clock and yawned. It was nine o'clock. She went to her bedroom and put on her pajamas. She got her blanket. She lay down on her bed. The room was cold. She got up and went to her closet to get extra blankets. She lay down again and covered herself. She fell asleep. She woke up in the middle of the night to get a glass of water. She drank the glass of water. She walked back to her bedroom. She yawned and fell asleep. Two hours passed. She woke up and went to the restroom. She heard a noise outside her window. She looked out the window to see what it was. It was a black cat climbing a tree. She hushed the cat. The cat ran away. She went back to bed. She closed her eyes and fell asleep. She slept very little.

3. Walking the Dog



It was night time. He went out to **walk** his dog. His dog was big. The dog's name was Max. "Let's go, Max!" he said to his dog. He walked **past** his neighbor's house. He saw there were no lights in the house. His **neighbor** was not home. He walked past the **market**. There were people shopping for **groceries**. He remembered he needed **milk**. He **tied** Max to a **pole**. "Wait here, Max," he said. He walked inside the market. It took fifteen minutes to buy the milk. He **untied** Max and **continued** walking. He walked back to his house. He let Max inside

the house. It was time to feed Max. He **served** Max a **bowl** of dog food. Max ate it quickly. It was late. He took Max to the backyard. Max slept in a dog house. He said good night to Max. Max barked.

4. Lemonade on a Hot Day



It was a hot day. The sun was **shining** in the sky. The air was **sticky**. It was a Sunday afternoon. Jane was **thirsty**. She went to the **kitchen** to get a drink. She opened her **refrigerator**. There was nothing to drink inside. Jane grabbed some **lemons** and a big pitcher. She cut the lemons in two. She filled the large **pitcher** with water. She **squeezed** the lemons into the pitcher of water. She opened her

cabinet to get the sugar. She poured some sugar into the pitcher of water and lemon juice. She had made lemonade. She took a sip of the lemonade. It needed more sugar. She grabbed the bag of sugar and poured a little more. She took another sip. The lemonade tasted sweet. All it needed now was ice. She opened the refrigerator to grab some ice. There was no ice.

5. Coffee on a Cold Night



It was a cold night. The **moon** was bright and round. The wind **blew** cold through the window. Jim got up from his **couch** and closed it. Jim was **shivering** because it was cold. He **rubbed** his hands together. Jim went to the kitchen. He wanted to make coffee. He opened his **cabinet**. He grabbed the can of coffee **beans**. He opened the **lid**. He held the can up to his **nose**. He took a deep **breath**. It smelled like fresh coffee beans. Jim loved the smell of coffee. He loved drinking coffee more. He poured the beans into the coffee maker. He grabbed a pitcher and put it in under the machine. He pressed a **button** and it started **brewing**. Jim started shivering again. He moved around to warm his body. The machine took fifteen

minutes to finish. Jim poured the coffee into a **mug**. He drank it all. The coffee warmed his body. He stopped shivering.

6. Jim Picks Up His Little Sister



It was a **cloudy** day. It looked like it was going to rain. Jim put on his raincoat and rain **boots**. He grabbed his **umbrella** and left his house. He had to walk to an **elementary** school to pick up his sister. It was three o'clock. Jim's little sister was coming out of school. He

walked along the streets. He looked at his clothes. His rain boots were black. His **raincoat** was green. His **jeans** were blue. His umbrella was red. Jim looked around as he walked. People were dressed similarly. The clouds looked **dark**. They were heavy with rain. Jim walked faster. Jim arrived at 3:20. The school bell would ring at 3:30. Jim needed to wait ten more minutes. He was at the front gate. There were parents waiting **alongside** with Jim. The school **bell rang**. Children were **escorted** to the front gate. Jim's sister ran up to him. They **hugged**, and walked home together.

7. Jim Walks Nancy Home from School



Jim and his sister were walking home from school. "How was school?" Jim asked. "It was nice," said Jim's sister. Her name was Nancy. Nancy was seven. She had black hair. Her hair was short and straight. She also had braces. Jim forgot to bring an umbrella for Nancy. Jim and Nancy huddled together under Jim's umbrella. The rain fell lightly. "Let's hurry," Jim said. Jim and Nancy walked faster. Jim stepped on a puddle. The water splashed. Nancy's pants got wet. "I'm sorry," Jim said. "It's okay," said Nancy. It started raining more. They soon arrived home. Lightning struck across the sky. It sounded loud. They were safe inside. Nancy's clothes were wet. She changed her clothes. Jim did the same. Nancy looked out the window. It was raining hard. She was glad to be inside. Jim felt the same.

8. Making a Sandwich



His **stomach** was **growling**. He had not eaten in five hours. He was **starving**. He went to his kitchen. He took out a **loaf** of bread. The bread was made from **wheat**. It was his favorite bread to eat. He grabbed two **slices**. He opened the **fridge**. He gathered all the **ingredients**. He **laid** them **out** across the table. He opened the **jar** of **mayonnaise**. It was low-fat mayonnaise. He spread it across the **slice**

of bread. He used a knife to spread the mayonnaise. He **unzipped** the container of ham. The ham was honey glazed. He grabbed four slices of ham. He put it on the bread slice. He opened the cheese container. He grabbed a slice and put it on top of the ham. He cut some tomatoes and lettuce. He put the vegetables on top of the cheese and ham. He glazed it all with **ketchup** and **mustard**. The sandwich was ready for him to eat.

9. Making Scrambled Eggs



She woke up one morning and felt hungry. She did not eat anything last night. She got out of bed, and walked into her kitchen. The kitchen was clean. She thought about what to eat for breakfast. She opened her refrigerator and took out a carton of eggs. She opened her cabinet, and reached for a bowl. She cracked four eggs into the bowl. She stirred the eggs with a spoon. She turned on the stove, and placed a pan on the stove. She turned the knob on the stove. The fire was lit. She grabbed a stick of butter from the fridge. She tossed the butter on the hot pan. She grabbed the bowl of eggs and threw them on the pan. She scrambled them with a spatula. The eggs cooked in minutes. They smelled delicious.

10. John Loves to Read Books



Reading a book is fun. Books make you **smarter**. They also make you a better reader. John loves to read books. He reads books on sunny days. He reads books on **cloudy** days, and he reads books on **rainy** days. John has read many books. He read his first book in second grade. His teachers were **impressed**. John was a good student. He had the highest **grades** in class. John learned a lot by reading books. He learned new words. He learned new verbs. He learned new **adjectives**. John reads every day. He has learned about the world. He has learned about **history**. He has learned about **animals**. He has learned about people. John loves to learn. He learns something new every day. John has many books. He has large bookshelves. They are full of books. John **collects** books. He has bought books at **bookstores**. John wants to read every book in the world.

11. Sam Loves Watching Television



Watching television is **entertaining**. Sam loved watching television. He watched it all the time. He watched it in the morning. He watched it in the afternoon. He watched it in the evening. He loved watching it late at night. The television was always on in Sam's house. There's always something to watch on television. Sam watched **cartoons**. Sam watched the **news**. Sam watched sports. Sam watched **documentaries**. Sam watched movies. Sam watched **sitcoms**. Sitcoms were his favorite to watch. Watching television can be good for you. Watching television is **relaxing**. Watching television is **informing**. Watching television can bring people together. Sam liked watching television with friends. Sam recorded television shows. He had a **device** that would **record** shows. Sam recorded all his favorite shows. He re-watched them all the

time. Sam had many recordings. Sam wants to be an **actor**. He wants to **appear** on television. It is his **dream**.

12. Exercising



He exercised every day. He **lifted** weights. He ran on the **track**. He rode his bicycle everywhere. He did pull-ups and push-ups. He did sit-ups and **crunches**. He loved being in **shape**. It felt great. He felt powerful. He felt **vital**. He felt fast. He

felt **attractive**. It made him feel **confident**. People **complimented** his appearance. "Look at those **muscles**," people said to him. "Thank you, I work out," he replied. He wasn't always in shape. He used to be fat. He did not like being fat. He was made fun of. He had a low self-**esteem**. He felt unattractive. His body felt tired and heavy. He had no energy. He knew he had to change. He looked in the mirror one day. He promised himself to lose weight. He stopped eating unhealthy food. He started moving around more. He went **jogging** at night. He bought a **gym** membership. He lost weight.

13. Her Love of Food



She ate a lot of food. She ate **cheese burgers**. She ate **chips**. She ate **sweets**. Every day she ate these types of foods. She was always hungry. She did not like **vegetables** or fruits. She never drank water. She only drank **soda**, or **juice**. She was big. She did not exercise. She was happy about her **appearance**. People made fun of her. "Lose weight," people said to her. "Stop eating," people said to her. "No, thank you," she replied. "I'm happy with how I look," she said. She loved eating **fattening** foods. Nothing could change her **diet**. She went to see a doctor. The doctor told her to lose weight. She did not want to lose weight. Her doctor **explained** why she had to lose weight. She could die. She became **scared**. She did not want to die. She decided to lose weight.

14. Lost Dog



He saw a dog on the sidewalk. The dog looked lost. He approached the dog. He q his head. "Nice doggy," he said to the dog. The dog wagged his tail. The dog had a collar. He looked at the collar. It read the dog's name. His name was Spike. Spike was a small dog. He looked well-groomed. "Come on, Spike," he said to the dog. The dog followed him home. He brought the dog upstairs to his room. He opened a jar of dog food. He used to have a dog. He poured the dog food into a bowl. He placed it in front of Spike. Spike started eating. "I'll take care of you, Spike," he said to the dog. He knew the dog did not belong to him. He printed posters of Spike. The poster said "Found Dog". He went around hanging the poster. Nobody came to find Spike.

15. Spike the Dog



Spike was a friendly dog. He was **obedient**. Spike did as he was told. He only barked when **threatened**. He never **bit** anybody. Spike liked playing **catch**. Spike ran after the ball when it was **thrown**. Spike returned the ball to his owner's hand. Spike had black **fur**. Spike was **abandoned** by his previous owner. He was found by a boy. The boy took care of Spike. The boy loved Spike, and Spike loved him back. The boy walked Spike in the afternoons. . **Strangers** loved to **pet** Spike. Spike liked being a pet. He liked to **lick** people's

hands and faces. "Who's a good boy?" strangers said to Spike. Spike would get excited and jump around. Spike was the perfect dog. The boy never thought of abandoning Spike. Spike never ran away. Spike and the boy were friends for the rest of their lives.

16. Falling and Breaking an Arm



He was trying to catch a bus. The bus left without him. He was running. He tripped and fell. He was lying on the sidewalk. "Are you alright?" a girl asked. He was holding his arm. His arm

hurt. "I think I broke my arm," he said to the girl. The girl **dialed** 911. "Help is on the way," the girl said. She helped him up. He sat down on a **bench**. He wondered why he fell. He looked down at his shoes. His **laces** were **untied**. He always forgot to tie his shoes. He never **imagined** breaking his arm. He started to **tear**. His arm was in **terrible pain**. "The **ambulance** is coming soon," the girl said. She felt bad for the boy. She had broken her arm before. She knew how much it hurt. The ambulance arrived. The **paramedics** took the boy. "Thank you," he said to the girl. "You're welcome," she replied.

17. Learning to Roller-Skate



It was three o'clock. She was learning how to roller-skate. She had always wanted to learn. She could not afford to buy roller-skates before. Now, she was older. She had a job. She bought her first pair of roller-skates yesterday. It is never too late to learn anything. She was at the park. She put on protective clothing. She wore a helmet and kneepads. "Always safety first," she said to herself. She slipped on her roller-skates. She got on her feet and skated away. She held on a railing at first. It was scary wearing roller-skates. With practice, she improved. Days later, she was roller-skating naturally. It was so much fun. She tripped and fell a few times. She got up every time and tried again. She never got hurt. Her helmet and kneepads protected her from injury. Roller-skating was so much fun.

18. Lying on the Beach



She was lying on the beach. It felt really **calm**. The sun was **beaming** down. It was not too hot. The **weather** was perfect. She was lying on her **stomach**. She was in **paradise**. Suddenly, something happened. Someone ran by. Sand was kicked on her back. She was **startled**. She sat up to see who **kicked** it. There were a lot of people around. She did not see who ran by. She felt angry. Someone had **ruined** her moment in the sun. She lay back down. Minutes later, someone ran by again. Sand was kicked on her back. She rose **instantly**. She saw a kid hiding. He was laughing. She stood up and walked towards the kid. "Were you kicking sand on my back?" she asked the kid. The kid was scared. He started crying. She felt **guilty** for making him cry. "Don't

cry," she said. "I'm sorry," the kid said. She never came back to that beach again.

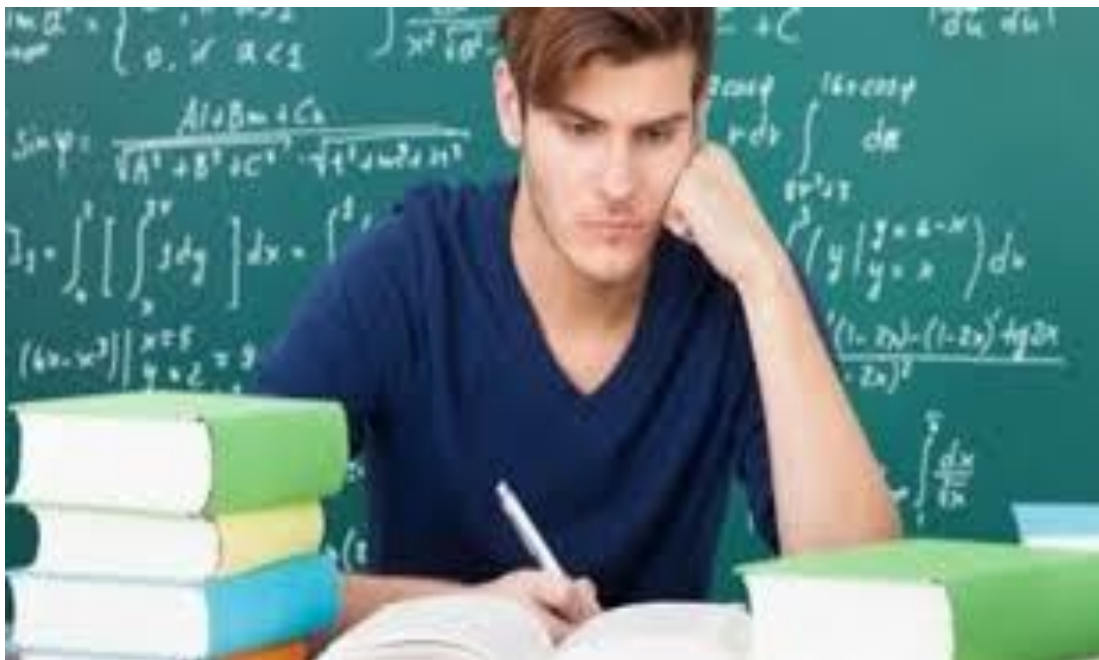
19. Tommy has a Bake Sale



Tommy needed to raise money for his football team. The team needed new **uniforms**. Tommy needed an idea. He asked his mom for help. His mom had a good idea. Tommy's mom loved baking. She decided to have a bake sale. Tommy loved the idea. They would sell **cookies** and **pies**. They planned the bake sale. It would be next

Saturday. Tommy needed to **raise** two hundred dollars. Tommy and his mom got to work. Tommy baked different kinds of cookies. He baked chocolate **chip** cookies. He baked **oatmeal** cookies. He baked sugar cookies. Tommy **tasted** the cookies. The cookies were **delicious**. His mom baked different kind of pies. She cooked **cherry**, apple, **pecan**, and **blueberry** pies. All the cookies and pies were sold. Tommy raised a lot of money. He raised over two hundred dollars. The bake sale was a **success**.

20. Math Test



The day of the **math** test was next Monday. He had three days to study. He did not like math. It was his hardest **subject**. He had to study in order to **pass**. He **locked** himself in his room. He **turned off** his phone. He **shut** off his **computer**. There could be no distractions. He left his **radio**

on. Music helped him study. Every day he studied for **hours**. After two days he stopped. He needed help. He could not **solve** a math problem. He called his friend. His friend was good at math. He asked his friend if he could help. His friend said yes and came over. His friend helped him study for three hours. He was ready to take the test. His friend wished him good **luck**. The day of the test came. He took the test. He passed the test. Studying had paid off.

21. Graduating from High School



She was graduating from high school. She was excited. Graduation was in one week. She had to **prepare** for graduation. She went to the store. She bought make-up and hair **products**. She wanted to look her best. Next, she had to buy her graduation **gown** at her school. The gown was **dark** blue. It looked nice. She took it home. She **hung** it in her

closet. Graduation was three days away. She was **proud** of graduating. Her family was also proud. She was the first one to graduate from high school in her family. It was a big **accomplishment**. She planned to go to college. Graduation day came. She got dressed and ready. Soon, she was at the **event**. Her family was there. They watched from a **distance**. They called her name. She went to pick up her **diploma**. The **audience** cheered. Her family was happy. She was happier.

22. Ice-cream and Yogurt



Yogurt **tastes** sweet. **Ice-cream** is also sweet. She likes to eat **yogurt**. Her friend likes to eat ice-cream. Her friend is a **guy**. His favorite **flavor** of ice-cream is **chocolate**. He does not like yogurt. Her favorite flavor of yogurt was **strawberry**. She did not like ice-cream. One day, she asked him a question: "Have you tried chocolate flavored yogurt?" Her friend **decided** to try it. They went to a yogurt shop together. He bought a **cup** of yogurt. It was chocolate flavored. He **sprinkled peanuts** on his yogurt. He tasted the yogurt. He liked it. He asked her a question: "Have you tried strawberry flavored ice-cream?" She said she didn't, and wanted to try it. One night, they went to an

ice-cream shop together. She bought an ice-cream **cone**. It was strawberry flavored. She tasted the ice-cream. She liked it. They both now liked ice-cream and yogurt.

23. Lisa the Artist



Lisa likes to **draw**. She also likes to **paint**. Drawing and painting are **similar**. She draws with a pencil. She paints with a **paintbrush**. Lisa draws many things. She draws cats. She draws **vases**. Lisa also draws people. Drawing is easy for Lisa. Lisa is a good **drawer**. Lisa is also a good painter. She paints **landscapes**. She paints **sunsets**. Lisa also paints people. Painting is more difficult than drawing for Lisa. Painting requires **patience**. Drawing is fast for Lisa. Lisa wants to be famous one day. Lisa paints every day. She draws every other day. Lisa paints in her room. Her room is full of art **supplies**. Her

clothes also have paint. Lisa does not mind. Her favorite color is green. Green is the color of **leaves**. Lisa loves **nature**. She is painting a big tree.

24. Closing the Store at Night



He heard his name. He turned around. "Hello, who is there?" he asked. He was working late. It was his turn to close the store. He was **alone**. He was at the **register counting** money. It was mid-night. He was **sleepy**. His feet were **tired**. He had been

standing for eight hours. He was almost finished. He turned around again. He heard **footsteps**. He was **scared**. He put the money down. He started walking towards the footsteps. "Who is there?" he said. No one replied. He saw **movement**. It was a person. "I see you!" he **yelled**. The person **appeared**. He started laughing. It was his girlfriend. She **surprised** him. "What a nice surprise," he said. She was laughing, too. He finished counting the money. They went home together.

25. Oatmeal for Breakfast



Oatmeal is good for you. It has fiber. Fiber is good for you. It keeps your colon clean and healthy. Oatmeal also contains whole grain. Whole grain is also good for you. It reduces the risk of heart diseases. It is recommended you eat 48 grams of whole grain every day. Oatmeal is easy to make. First, you grab a clean bowl. Second, you pour one serving of oatmeal into the bowl. Third, you pour a cup of milk into the bowl. Lastly, you put it in the microwave for three minutes. You can also cook it on the stove. Milk is also good for you. It contains calcium. Calcium is good for your bones. Oatmeal is a delicious breakfast.

26. Sally and her Cat



Sally was petting her cat. Her cat's name is Kitty. Kitty is a large black cat. Sally ran her finger down Kitty's back. She loved her cat. Her cat smelled like shampoo. She had been washed that morning. Cats do not like water. Kitty, on the other hand, liked water. Kitty was a friendly cat. Sally was on her bed. Kitty fell asleep. Sally was thirsty. She did not want to wake up Kitty. She picked up her cell phone. She called her little brother. She whispered into the phone and said, "Get me a glass of water, please." Her brother said okay. He was downstairs watching television. He went to the kitchen. He got a glass of water. He took it upstairs to his sister's room. He did not know Kitty was asleep. He slammed the door open. Kitty woke up and ran away.

27. Buying a Couch



He went to the **furniture** store. He needed a new **couch**. His old couch had broken. He walked around the store. He saw different couches. There were a lot of couches. He did not know which to buy. He saw a blue couch. It looked **comfortable**. He sat down on it. He stood up. He did not like it . He saw another couch. It was red. It looked **soft**. He sat on it. He **rose** to his **feet**. He did not like it. A person walked up to him. The person was a **salesman**. "Can I help you, sir?" asked the salesman. He told him he needed a couch that was comfortable. The salesman **showed** him a couch. The man tested it. He liked it. The couch **passed** the **test**. He bought it and took it home.

28. Tom's Fourth of July



It was the Fourth of July. It came once a year. It is a day of **celebration**. It was Tom's favorite holiday. Tom bought many **fireworks**. His family had **gathered** together. They were all on his **front yard**. His **nephew** was excited. He was six years old. He wanted to light the fireworks. Tom handed him a **sparkler**. "Be careful with that," Tom said to his nephew. "I will, Uncle Tom," his nephew

said. The fireworks started lighting up the sky. Tom and his family saw different colors of fireworks in the sky. They saw blue fireworks. They saw red fireworks. The fireworks were loud. They **exploded** in the sky. Everybody loved the fireworks. Tom was **cooking** hot dogs and **hamburgers**. He went inside his house, and came back with **Coke** and **plastic** cups. Everybody ate and drank soda. The fourth of July is a fun holiday.

29. Mark's Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is a national **holiday**. It is **celebrated** once a year. Mark loved Thanksgiving. It is his favorite holiday. Every year, he cooks a **turkey**. Mark's wife helps him. Mark cooks other dishes, too. He makes stuffing, **potato salad**, and **ham**. Mark **invites** his family to his

Thanksgiving. Mark has a large family. Mark's wife also invites her family. She has a small family. Everybody brings food to the table. There is always **left over** food the next day. The **doorbell** rings. Mark invites his family inside. "Happy Thanksgiving," everybody says to each other. The food is cooked. They wait for Mark's **in-laws** to arrive. The doorbell rings. Mark's in-laws come inside. Everybody sits at the table. The food is served. Everybody is smiling and talking. Everybody begins to eat. Thanksgiving is a **festive** holiday.

30. David Runs a Marathon



David ran a **marathon**. He could not **believe** it. It was a big **achievement**. Running a marathon is not easy. David had to **train** all year long. David woke up every morning. He would put on his running shoes, drink a lot of water, and run out the door. David ran for hours. He stopped only when he finished. David ran again at night. He had a lot of **energy**. He never got tired. Running a marathon took a long time. David ran 26 miles and 385 **yards**. It took 5 **hours** and 30 **minutes** to finish. David was **exhausted** when he finished. He was really **thirsty**. He drank a **gallon** of water. He was still thirsty. David was happy. Running a marathon had been his **wish**. He could not wait to run it again next year.

31. Joe's Walk in the Park



It was a beautiful day. Joe went to the park. There were people everywhere. Joe saw many things. He saw a boy riding a bike. He saw a girl swinging on a **swing**. He saw a family having a **picnic**. He saw a man playing the **guitar**. It was a happy **sight**. Joe took a deep **breath**. The air was **fresh**. The smell of flowers was in the air. The trees were **swaying** in the **wind**. Joe felt so alive. Joe heard a **bell**. He looked around and saw the ice-cream man. He reached in his pockets. He grabbed three dollars. "Hey, ice-cream man!" Joe yelled. The ice-cream man stopped and turned around. He walked **towards** Joe. "One ice-cream, please," Joe said. The ice-cream man handed Joe an ice-cream **bar**. "Thank you," said the ice-cream man. Joe paid and went on his way. It was a sunny day. Everything was **perfect**.

32. Meeting a Jazz Artist at a Record Store



She went inside the music store. The music store sold all kinds of things. It sold **records, compact disks, posters**, and clothing. She loved listening to music. Her favorite kind of music was Jazz. She **collected** old Jazz records. Her collection had hundreds of records. She started collecting records at a young age. She was fifteen when she got her first Jazz record. Her dad had given it to her. It was a birthday **present**. She fell in love with Jazz music that day. There was a special **guest** at the music store. He was a famous Jazz artist. She was excited to see him. She **owned** all his records. His name was Miles Davis. He was a **musical genius**. She brought one of his records. It was her favorite record. There was a line to see the Jazz

artist. She waited in line. She met Miles Davis. He smiled and **signed** her record. She could not **believe** what had happened.

33. Old Man Crosses the Street



A man was crossing the **street**. He was an **elderly** man. He walked like a **turtle**. It took him a long time to **cross**. Every day, he crossed the same street. Every time, he took a long time. The cross **lights** turned green. He was still crossing the street. Cars would **honk**

at him. The man did not **care**. He could not cross any faster. "Where is that man going?" people would ask. No one knew where he went. The man walked with a **cane**. He had white hair and **glasses**. He crossed the street one day. A boy was standing on the **corner**. "Where are you going?" the boy asked. "I don't know," **replied** the man. The old man was lost. **Some how**, he would find his way back home every day.

34. Waiting for a Friend in the Cold



It was a cold day. The wind was **blowing**. He was in his car. He was waiting for his friend. His **whole body** was **shivering**. He turned on the car's **heater**. It started heating the car. Suddenly, it stopped. He turned it on again, but the heater turned off again. It had stopped working. He was really cold. He had a **sweater** on. But it was not enough. He **forgot** to **wear** his **jacket**. "How could I **warm** myself?" he thought to himself. He remembered he had something in his **trunk**. He opened the car door and stepped out. It was even colder outside his car. There was no one outside. He opened his car trunk. There was a jacket. The jacket was old and **smelly**. He did not care. It was so cold. He put on the jacket. He went back inside his car. His friend finally arrived.

35. Shopping at the Mall



He went to the **mall**. He needed **clothes** to wear. **Summer** was nearing. He brought a **list**. It was a list of clothes to buy. He looked at the list. He needed t-shirts. He entered a store. The name of the store was "Summer Shirts". He bought ten shirts. They were different colors. Three of the shirts were blue. Another three were red. Two of the shirts were white. The last two were black. He crossed shirts off his list. He needed pants. He walked into a store. The name of the store was "Fancy Pants". He **purchased** five pairs of pants. Two pants were blue **jeans**. Another two were **tan slacks**. The last ones were brown **khakis**. He crossed **pants** off his list. He just needed shoes. He walked into a shoe store. He saw **sandals**. He bought sandals instead of **regular** shoes. He was now ready for summer.

36- Buying a Laptop



He bought a computer. It was a **laptop**. The laptop was **expensive**. It **cost** him several hundred dollars. He saved up money. It took him four months to save enough. He **earned** his money. He worked at a **restaurant** after school. The job was hard. He was **determined** to buy a computer. He never **quit** his job. He went to the Best Buy to purchase it. He walked in with the money in his hand. He knew which computer he wanted already. He paid for the computer, and took it home right away. He opened the box. He **lifted** the computer **gently** from the box. "It's beautiful," he said. The laptop was **sleek**. It

looked nice. It was the happiest day in his life. He turned it on. He logged on the Internet.

37- The Popular Girl at School



She was popular. Everybody at school knew her name. She liked the attention. She was pretty. She had blonde hair. It was long and straight. She wore expensive clothes. She wore classy perfume. She put on pricey make-up. All the other girls were jealous of her. All the guys liked her. She was not interested in being a relationship with

anybody. One day, her parents told her a surprise. They said they were moving. She was **devastated**. She moved the next week. They drove to Colorado. She went to a new school. She was not **popular** anymore. Nobody knew her name. Nobody liked her. No one was jealous of her. She was just an **ordinary** girl now. She was sad at fir. She soon felt happy. It was a nice change. It was nice being a regular person. She did not miss being popular anymore.

38. He Was the King



He was the king. He was a kind **ruler**. He gave to the poor. He fed the hungry. He **healed** the sick. The people loved their king. Their king had an army. His army was **vast**. It **protected** the **kingdom**. **Invaders** would attack. The king's army was strong. They battled with **swords** and **shields**. They never lost a battle. The king was proud of his army. He was proud of his kingdom. The king was rich. He had all the gold in the world. Gold made the king **greedy**. He wanted more. He searched for gold in the world. His army brought him silver. He did not want **silver**. He wanted gold. The king grew mad. His people **revolted**. The king was **over thrown**. The king was banished from his kingdom. He left his world.

39- Talki



She liked to talk. Talking was easy for her. She talked to friends: "Hello, how are you?" Her friends **replied**: "I am fine." She was always **polite**. "**Bless** you," she would say when someone **sneezed**. "Have a **nice** day," she would say after saying goodbye. She was a good talker. She was skilled at talking. She talked all the time. She talked over the **phone**. She talked during **class**. She talked at work. Her job was to talk. She helped **customers** buy things. "Can I help you, sir?" she would ask. Every day she talked to customers. She was always **helpful**. "Thank you for taking the time to talk to me," a customer said one day. "You are very welcome," she said and smiled. Talking is a good **skill** to have. She **practiced** it every day.

40. It's a Big World



The world is a big **place**. There are hundreds of **millions** of people in the world. People live all around the world. There are many places in the world. We live in the United States. The United States is **famous** for **democracy**. There are many people living in the United States. People from the United States come from different places in the world. Canada is another place in the world. Canada is known for its **clean** air. England is another place in the world. People speak English in England. People in England have **accents**. England has a **queen**. Africa is another place in the world. Africa has wild life. Africa has more **wild** life than other places. **Lions** and **elephants** live in Africa. Africa is a beautiful place. There is **beauty** in every place in the world.

41. Having Lunch



She walked into a **restaurant**. It was **lunch** time. She was **hungry**. She sat down at a table. The **waiter** handed her a **menu**. "What would you like to drink?" the waiter asked. She asked for water. She was on a **budget**. She stopped buying drinks. Water was always free. She liked eating fish. She looked at the menu. There was no fish. She called the waiter. "Do you **serve** fish?" she asked. "No, I am sorry," the waiter said. She was **disappointed**. She looked at the menu again. She needed time to think. The waiter left. She did like chicken. She did not like **beef**. She did not even like **pork**. She was a **picky**

eater. She made up her mind. The waiter came back. She ordered **lamb**. The waiter wrote it down. He smiled and left. She ate lamb for lunch.

42. The Cat Tom



Tom was a black cat. He was a house cat. He never went outside. He was kept well fed. Tom always got **attention**. He was a **spoiled** cat. Tom was sleeping. He heard a **sound**. It came from the **window**. He stood on his four legs. He **meowed**. He went to the window. He looked outside. There was another cat. The cat was white. Tom **jumped** out the window. He **landed** on his **feet**. Cats always land on their feet. The white cat saw Tom. The white cat was a

girl. Tom walked **towards** the white cat. She ran away. Tom **chased** her. They ran around the house. Tom was having fun. The white cat ran away. Tom did not **catch** her. It was getting dark. Tom **climbed** back inside his window. It was a fun day for Tom.

43. Suzan Has the Flu



She coughed. She was **sick**. She had the **flu**. She did not know how she caught it. She went to see her **doctor**. She did not like the **clinic**. The clinic was small and **damp**. There were always people waiting. She sat in the waiting room. Kids were running around. People were sitting next to her. They were **coughing** and **sneezing**. She was coughing and sneezing, too. She felt **terrible**. She

waited for hours. They finally called her name. She quickly went to the nurse. "The doctor will see you now," the **nurse** said. She went into a small room. She sat down on a bed. The doctor walked in. "Hello, Suzan," the doctor said. She told him she had the flu. The doctor checked her **symptoms**. He gave her a **prescription**. "Feel better," the doctor said. "Thank you, doctor," she said.

44. John and Jim Play Country Music



John sat on the porch playing his **electric bass**. He had a brother called James. James played **guitar**. He played it every day. He played the guitar well. Sometimes John and Jim made music together. John sang the **melody**. Jim sang **harmony**. They both played their **instruments** together. They made beautiful music. The music was **catchy**. **Strangers** noticed Jim and John playing music. They would walk closer to the **porch** to listen to the music. John sang **country** music. Everybody in the neighborhood loved it. Country music was their favorite kind of music. Jim and John lived in Texas. Texans love country music. John and Jim were **talented**. When they grew older, they did not stop making music. They **recorded** their songs. The songs were heard on the **radio**. Jim and John became country music **stars**.

45. She Sings Pop Music



She turned on the radio. She tuned in her favorite radio **station**. The station played pop music. She loved **pop** music. She sang along to the radio. She sang in the shower every morning. She **jumped** in the **shower**. She sang her **heart** out. She **stepped** out the shower. She grabbed the radio. She took it to the room. She turned it on again. She put on her clothes while listening to the radio. She did not stop **singing**. Her brother did not like her singing. "Be **quiet**!" he would **yell**. She could not hear him because the radio was too **loud**. She wanted to be a pop singer. It was her **dream**. She wanted to make her dream come true. She entered singing **contests**. She won first place. She was a great singer.

46. The Camping Trip (1)



It was the time for the camping trip. He was **scared**. He was scared of bears. He did not want to be eaten. He was also scared of **bugs, ghosts, and poison ivy**. His family **packed** a bug **spray**, and a first **aid** kit. His brother told him ghosts were not real. He was still scared of everything. It was his first time camping. He was also excited. He brought his **journal**. He wrote in the journal. "Dear Journal, I hope I do not get eaten by a bear." It was his worst fear. **bears** were huge. He saw one on television. They had **sharp** teeth. They had big **claws**. They roared loudly. It was the night before the trip. He could not go to sleep. He could not stop thinking about the bear. He went to sleep. He dreamed about bears. It was not a nice dream.

47. The Camping Trip (2)



He woke up. He was **tired**. He had a hard time going to sleep. He **tossed** and turned all night. He was **scared**. He had bad dreams. He dreamed about **bears**. It was the first day of the camping **trip**. It was early morning. He hid in his **blankets**. His family called his name. "Henry, it's time to get **ready**," called the family. He **ignored** his family. He did not want to go. He **stayed** in bed. He was **excited** about going camping before. But now he was too scared. "I do not want to go **anymore**," he said. His dad came in his room. He took off Henry's

blankets. He picked him up. He put his clothes on. He put him in the car. "Do not be scared," he said to Henry. Henry was still scared. The camping trip lasted three days. Henry was not scared. There was nothing to be scared about. There were no bears. It was a nice camping trip.

48. He Likes Her (1)



He liked her. He liked her **smile**. He liked her **voice**. He liked her **hair**. He liked her **nature**. She did not know that he liked her. She did not know him. He was a **stranger** to her. It did not **matter** for him. He wanted to talk to her. He **waited** for the right time. She was

always with her friends. He waited until she was **alone**. She was walking down the **street**. She was going home. She was alone. He was driving to the store. He saw her. He drove up to her. She turned around. She saw him in the car. "Hello, what is your name," he said. She **ignored** him. She did not want to talk to strangers. "Would you like a **ride** home?" he asked her. "No, thank you," she **replied**. He parked his car. He got out of his car. He walked up to her.

49. He Likes Her (2)



She was **standing** on the **sidewalk**. He stood in front of her." I have to go home," she said. She walked **past** him. He **followed** her. He wanted to talk to her. She did not know him. She did not want to talk to **strangers**. "I know you," he said to her. She stopped **walking**. She looked at him. She had a **puzzled** face. "We went to school **together**," he said. She tried **remembering**. She could not remember him. It was **such** a long time ago. He told her more. He said he always liked her. He liked her during school. He liked her after school. She was **struck**. She did not know what to say. "Want to go out?" he asked her. She thought about it. She gave him her phone number. She smiled and left. He was happy. He smiled.

50. Late to Work



He woke up late. His **alarm** rang, but he did not hear it. He was late to work. He **jumped** out of bed. "I am so late," he said. He ran to the restroom. He quickly **brushed** his teeth. He **hopped** in the shower. He took a five-minute shower. He **dried** his **body**. He quickly shaved. He cut himself. He **shaved** too fast. He was not careful. He washed his cut. He **covered** it with a **band-aid**. He ran to his **closet**. He grabbed his suit. He ironed it fast. He put on his suit. The suit still had **wrinkles**. He got in his car and drove away. There was **traffic** on the

road. He honked his horn. He arrived at his company. He was one hour late.

Level 3

1. Meeting the Guys



Jason made a new friend. His name is Daniel. Daniel only has one arm. He lost it in a car accident as a child. Jason really enjoyed

Daniel's **company**. He **invited** Daniel out with some other friends. Jason was sure the other **guys** would like Daniel, too. "Meet us at the **restaurant**," said Jason. Daniel walked into the restaurant. All the other guys **stared** at him. Daniel got very **nervous**. "I hope they don't make fun of my arm," he thought. He really wanted to become friends with Jason's **buddies**. "Wow," said one of the guys. "That's a really nice shirt!" Daniel was **relieved**. He was invited along every week after that.

2. Sweaters from Grandma



Steven loved almost everything about his **grandma**. There was only one thing he **hated**. She always **knitted sweaters** for him. Steven **understood** that she did it to be nice. However, all the sweaters were very **ugly**. Steven **visited** her once a week. She had a new sweater for him each time. Steven lived in a small **apartment**. There was no **room** for him to **keep** all the sweaters. He had to give all of them away. "Grandma will never find out," he thought. One day, Steven's grandma visited him by **surprise**. She asked to see his sweaters. "Someone **stole** all of them!" he said. "They were too nice." She made him ten more by the next month.

3. Big Hair



Dorothy had very curly hair. She hated it. "It's too big," she always complained. Dorothy wanted to be an actress. All the actresses she knew had straight hair. It always looked perfect and smooth. Every morning, Dorothy was up at 5:00 a.m. She spent two hours straightening her hair. One morning, Dorothy had a big acting audition. She was running very late. There was no time to straighten her hair. "I'm never going to get the job with this hair," she thought. She was wrong. As soon as the director saw Dorothy, she was hired. "Your hair stands out so much," he said. "You must love it!" "Of course I do!" replied Dorothy.

4. The Ugly Sister



Lisa **grew** up in a **huge** family. She had six older sisters. All of them were very beautiful. This made Lisa feel very bad. She knew she looked nothing like them. Lisa had even heard people say she was the **ugly** sister. As **teens** the girls spent every weekend out on **dates**. Lisa always stayed home **alone**. Her sisters spent their days **combing** their hair and putting on makeup. Lisa spent her days reading and studying. Her sisters **laughed** at her a lot. As **adults**, all her sisters got married young. They all had **handsome husbands** with no **brains** or jobs. Lisa went to college. She became a rich **scientist** and traveled the world. She was the one laughing now.

5. I Know How to Snowboard



Kevin asked Michelle on a date. He wanted to go **snowboarding**. "I love snowboarding!" said Michelle. This was a lie. She had never been snowboarding. She wanted to **impress** Kevin. "That's great!" said Kevin. "Then we can go to the **advanced slope**." Michelle was **terrified**. The top of the advanced slope was **extremely** high. It was too late to say the **truth**. "This can't be that hard," she thought. "I just have to keep my **balance**." Michelle **flew** off the **hill**. She stayed standing for less than two second. She looked like a **giant** snowball by the time she reached the **bottom** of the slope. Kevin felt bad for her. He hugged her **tight** to get her warm. Her plan worked out after all.

6. Road Trip



John and his friends were going on a **road** trip. They were driving from Los Angeles to Washington. John had everything **planned** out. He had **prepared** CDs with their favorite songs. They would sing along to them the whole way. He even **packed** his **trunk** full of their favorite **snacks**. John picked up his friends early in the morning. He showed them a map. It was full of **dots**. "These are all the stops we should make," he said. John wanted to see the Golden Gate **Bridge**, the **Grand Canyon**, Old **Faithful**, and many other

monuments. "What song should we hear first?" asked John. All his friends were already asleep. They stayed this way the whole trip.

7. A Trip to Six Flags



He wanted to convince him to move to Los Angeles with him. George had a great idea. He would take his friend to Six Flags. They didn't have big roller coasters in Arizona. George and Joseph got on a ride called Tatsu. It was huge and had more than five loops. Joseph screamed more than any other persons. "Isn't this great?" asked

George. "If you move here, we'll be coming here all the time!" Joseph never **returned** to Los Angeles again.

8. Protesting Sea World



Sea World is one of the most **famous** parks in the world. Thousands of people visit each year. Most of them go to see the **dolphins** and **whales** perform **tricks**. This is something they could never see in the **wild**. Sea World has been under a lot of **pressure lately**. Thousands of people have been **protesting** the parks. These people say that

dolphins and whales should not be **forced** to live in such small spaces. They should also never be forced to perform **pointless** tricks. Most people are starting to **agree** with this. Sea World will hopefully start listening to the protesters soon.

9. Drive-In Theatre



Helen had nothing to do one Saturday night. "Let's go to a Drive-In **theatre**," said Donna. Helen had no idea what that was. Donna told her she would love it. Helen agreed to go. Drive-In theatres play **movies outdoors**. People **park** their cars in **front** of a **giant screen**. They each get a pair of speakers. Everyone watches the movie from their cars. Helen had seen many of them in old movies. "This is where people used to go on **dates**," she said. She had

no idea they still **existed**. The girls watched a **horror** movie. It was **scarier** than watching it in a room with a **bunch** of people. "They should bring these back," said Donna.

10. All You Can Eat



Robert's family got together every Sunday. They always had lunch together. Every week, they went to the same **restaurant**. It was an "All-You-Can-Eat **Buffet**". Robert's family loved eating. This was the **perfect** restaurant for them. Robert's mom always ate the most. She would **serve** herself **at least** four **plates** for one **meal**. His dad was a **picky** eater. The buffet gave him **plenty** of **options**. Aunt Nancy loved the buffet the most. She always brought a bag with her. She would

make sure no one was looking at her. Then, she would **drop** food into the bag. Her **bag** was three times bigger than before by the time she left.

11. The Pet Chicken

If



Andrew Williams got a new **pet**. It was a **baby chick**. His parents brought it home one day. At first, Andrew did not like the chick. He wanted a different pet. "All of my friends have dogs or cats," he **complained**. The chick followed Andrew everywhere. She was very **cute**. After two **months**, Andrew **grew** very **close** to her. He named her Rex. Andrew got home from school one day. He

started looking for Rex. He couldn't find her anywhere. "Rex ran away from home," said Andrew's mom. Andrew was **confused**. Then, he looked at the oven. His mom was cooking a chicken for **dinner**. Andrew cried.

12. The Last Cigarette



Mr. White had a bad **habit**. He was a **chain smoker**. Mr. White knew his **addiction** was **unhealthy**. He couldn't even take walks anymore. He spent all day **coughing**. Mr. White spent one

year trying to **quit** smoking. He would always buy a **pack** and **promise** himself it would be his last **cigarette**. Mr. White went to his doctor for a **check-up**. His doctor asked him to take an x-ray. They found a **tumor** on his left **lung**. He had cancer from all the smoking. Mr. White went home scared. He threw out his cigarettes, but he kept one. This would finally be his last cigarette.

13. We've Been Robbed



Mr. and Mrs. Smith had a fun night out. They had been **dancing** all night. They did not get home until 3 a.m. They found their front window **broken**. They ran inside. Everything was **thrown** on the

floor. Their televisions were missing. Their laptops were gone. Even their fancy plates were taken. Mrs. Smith started crying. "We've been robbed!" she screamed. The police were called in. "It will probably be impossible to find the burglars," they said. Mr. Smith started cleaning the mess. He saw something lying by the window sill. It was a wallet. The burglar had dropped it while jumping through the window.

14. Back to School



Mr. Gonzales was a **janitor**. He was unhappy with his **career**. He was a **smart** man. He knew he could do more with his life . Mr. Gonzales wanted to go back to **college**. He had always **dreamed** of becoming a teacher. If he **finished** college, this could come true. Mr. Gonzales was forty years old. His children told him he was too old to go back to college. "You will look like a **grandpa**," they **joked**. "That's not **true**!" said Mr. Gonzales. "I will be the **wisest** student there!" Mr. Gonzales **graduated** from college four years later. His children were very **proud** of him.

15. Cat Lovers



Jenny White loved her **cats**. She **owned** six of them. Jenny spent all her days with the cats. Her friends **worried** about her. "You should go

out more," they said. "I can't stand leaving my cats **alone**," **replied** Jenny. One day, Jenny met a man at work. He was **funny** and **handsome**. Jenny started going out with him a lot. She thought he was **perfect**. Jenny **invited** him to her house. She was very excited. "He's going to love my cats!" she thought. The man walked into her house. He started **sneezing**. He couldn't **breathe**. He was **allergic** to cats. "I hate cats!" he screamed.

16. Taking the Bus



Ms. Jackson's car **broke down**. She took it to the car **shop**. It had to **stay** there for one week. Ms. Jackson needed a car. She had to get to work **somehow**. "You can take the **bus**," said her friend. Ms. Jackson had never taken the bus. She was **scared** of it. She thought she would get lost. "I've **even** heard of people getting **robbed** on buses," she said. "You'll be fine," said her friend. Ms. Jackson got on the bus. It was not very **scary**. She was **actually** very **relaxed**. She ended up **falling** asleep. She missed her stop and was late to work.

17. The Cold



Daniel caught a cold. He had **fever** and **chills**. His **nose** was running all day. He couldn't even stop **sneezing**. Daniel visited the **doctor**. He was told to rest and **relax**. "Stay in bed for three days," said the doctor. Daniel did not listen. His friends wanted to go **swimming**. "Come with us!" they told him. "You'll be fine." Daniel and his friends stayed in the **pool** until late at night. The next morning, Daniel felt **terrible**. His **voice** was **completely** gone. He was **shaking** all morning. He stayed this way for five days. He called his doctor for help. "You didn't listen to me, did you?" his doctor asked.

18. New Shoes



Mary Green wanted a new **pair** of shoes. She wanted some blue **heels**. They **cost** \$150. Mary asked her dad for money. "Are you **crazy**?" said Mr. Green. "You don't even wear heels!" Mary couldn't stop thinking about the heels. She kept **bothering** Mr. Green about them. Mr. Green felt bad. He wished he could **afford** the shoes. It would make Mary happy. Mr. Green saved money for Mary's **birthday**. He gave her the shoes. Mary wore them all night. They left her giant **blisters**. Mary **hated** them. She never wanted to **wear** them **again**. Mary told Mr. Green that she lost them.

19. Losing Weight



Michael Phillips is **overweight**. He wants to lose a lot of **weight** because he is not happy with how he looks. He is also very unhealthy. His last doctor's **appointment** was scary. He was told he was at risk of heart disease. Mr. Phillips knows that his **diet** needs to improve. He eats a lot of **burgers** and **chips**. He **hardly** picks up any fruits or vegetables. "Eating healthy is so boring," **complains** Mr. Phillips. The doctor gave him more **advice**. "You need to try exercising more," Mr. Phillips was told. He hardly ever even walks. He bought a **treadmill**. Mr. Phillips was very **determined** to **succeed**.

20. Learning to Ride



It was a big day for Ms. Wilson. She had just gotten her **paycheck**. She was on her way to buy her first **bicycle**. Ms. Wilson grew up in a poor family. They could never **afford** to buy her a bicycle. Ms. Wilson was now 30 years old. She had a good job and two children of her own. She wanted to **teach** them how to ride a **bike**. But first, she had to learn herself. She **choose** a big blue bike from the bicycle store. Now, it was time to **practice**. Her first day on the bike was **terrible**. "This is so much harder than it looks!" she **yelled**. After many, many **falls**, MS. Wilson got it down. She felt very **proud**. "I can't wait to teach my **kids** now," she said.

21. The New Waiter



Mark Smith needed to get a job. There was one problem. Mark was a **bit lazy**. He wanted to do something easy. "I know! He said. "I can be a **waiter**!" "I don't think that's the best job for you," said his mom. "Why not?" Mark replied. He thought the job looked very simple. "All I have to do is clean tables," said Mark. "**Plus**, I would get big **tips**!" Mark got **hired** as a waiter in a small **cafe**. He soon **realized** his mom was right. Everyone who ate left a big **mess** on the table. Mark hated cleaning up. He was very **slow** at it, too. He

kept dropping **plates** on the floor. To top it off, he wasn't very nice to **customers**. They left him small tips. Mark was fired after three days.

22. Pottery is For Girls



Sharon Carter wanted to take a pottery class. She didn't want to go alone. She invited her husband to go with her. "I don't want to do that!" said Mr. Carter. "Pottery is for girls!" This made Sharon very angry. She could not believe he said that. "That's a sexist thing to say!" yelled Sharon. She argued with him for hours. Mr. Carter was tired of fighting. He agreed to go just to shut Sharon up. Their first class went very well. Mr. Carter was really good at making pots. The

instructors loved him. "You are very talented!" they all said. Mr. Carter went to pottery class every week after that. He loved it!

23. The Sad Hike



Deborah and Paul Evans loved **nature**. They especially liked **hiking**. They hiked the **mountain** almost every evening. They always took their dog **Buddy**. Buddy loved his owners. Hiking was one of his favorite things, too. One day, the news reported a **cougar sighting**. "We advise hikers to **beware** the mountains to night, said the reporter. Deborah and Paul thought about staying home that evening. "I'm sure we'll be **safe**," said Paul. "Cougars usually **hide** from humans." Deborah, Paul, and Buddy made it to the top of the

mountain. Suddenly, they heard a **roar**. The cougar jumped out. It **leaped** at Deborah's face. Buddy jumped to save her. He scared the cougar away. Mr. and Mrs. Evan bought him a thousand **treats** and toys the next day.

24. Missing Pets



Kenneth Baker **woke** up early Sunday morning. A **terrible** thing had happened. His cat was **missing**. "He must have run away again," thought Kenneth. He went around asking neighbors for **information**. "That's **odd**," said his neighbor Sandra. "My Chihuahua went missing last night, too!" Kenneth kept walking around the **neighborhood**. He hoped to find his

cat **roaming** the streets. Instead, Kenneth found something else. There were **signs** everywhere. They all said, "Missing cat" or "Missing Dog". "I don't think all these **animals** are running away," thought Kenneth. Then, Kenneth saw something that broke his heart. There was a **trail** of **blood** on the floor. It led to the mountain side. A **coyote** must be taking all the small pets in the night.

25. Short Shorts



Lisa Adams was going out with friends. She was about to walk out of the **house**. Her mom stopped her. "What are you wearing?" shouted Mrs. Adams. "They're just **shorts!**" **replied**

Lisa. Mrs. Adams thought they looked more like **underwear**. "You're not going out wearing those!" she said. Lisa said that wasn't **fair**. After half an hour of **arguing**, Mrs. Adams let Lisa **leave**. The next day, Mrs. Adams and Lisa went out to lunch. Mrs. Adams wore a **tank top** and very short shorts. "What are you wearing?" **shouted** Lisa. She was **embarrassed** to walk **around** with her mom showing her **butt**. "They're just shorts!" replied Mrs. Adams.

26. A New Tattoo



Kevin Turner wanted to get a **tattoo**. He couldn't wait to get his first one. Tattoos are **expensive**. Kevin couldn't **afford** to go to a **professional**. "Don't worry," said his friend. "I know a guy who will do it for free". Kevin wasn't sure that was **safe**. He agreed to it anyways. Kevin asked the tattooist to **draw** a rose on his **arm**. The tattoo hurt a lot. Kevin couldn't take the pain. He shut his eyes **tightly**. He did not open them until the tattoo was finished. "What is that?" yelled Kevin. "It's a rose!" said the tattooist. It looked more like a **rock** to Kevin. He never got a free tattoo again.

27. The Unlucky Millionaire



Helen Young was an **unlucky** woman. So many bad things happened to her. She was always getting into **accidents**. None of them were her **fault**. One year ago, there was a small **earthquake**. It **caused** a **telephone pole** to **crack**. The pole landed on top of Helen's car. Another time, there was a small storm. Helen loves the rain. She walked outside to enjoy it. She was struck by **lightning** within one minute. Everyone laughed at Helen's bad luck. One day, that all changed. Helen tripped on the **sidewalk**. She found a **lottery ticket laying** on the ground. It had the winning numbers. Helen was now an unlucky **millionaire**.

28. Time Capsule



George Hernandez had two best friends. They had been friends since elementary school. Now, they were all grown up. George was moving away to a **university**. Steven was starting a family in another city. Charles got a job in another state. They had to say goodbye. George didn't want them to ever **forget** each other. "Let's make a time **capsule**," he said. They all went home. They looked for things that held memories of their being together. They found old **toys**, **pictures**, and CDs. They put them in a **box**. **Then** they **buried** the box in a park. The boys promised to get together in ten years. They would **dig** up the box and feel like children again.

29. The Baby Blanket



Betty Scott got big news. Her only son was going to have a baby. "I'm **finally** going to be a **grandma**!" she thought. Betty was very **excited**. She couldn't wait for the baby to **arrive**. "I need to get the baby something special," Betty said. She decided to make a **blanket**. She would **knit** it herself. Betty was an **elderly** woman. Her hands weren't as strong as they used to be. They shook a lot and **hurt** often. Knitting was much harder than she remembered it. Still, Betty kept working on the blanket. "Anything for the baby," she thought. Betty **struggled** with the blanket for many months. She finished it right before the baby was born. It was the best **present** the baby ever got.

30. Speeding Ticket



Brian Nelson was late for work. He had been **stuck** in **traffic** for half an hour. The cars were finally starting to **move**. Brian had to make it to work in ten minutes. If he was late, he would be in big **trouble** with his **boss**. "There's no way I'll make it in time," said Brian. Suddenly, a car **raced** past him. Three seconds later, another car raced past him. They were going around 80 **miles** per hour. Brian knew that speeding was the only way he would make it to work on time. He looked around him. There were no **cops** in sight. He decided to **push** his **speed** up to 70. Two seconds later, he heard **sirens behind** him.

31. Little Sisters



Linda has a younger sister. Her name is Ruth. Linda is usually **annoyed** by Ruth. She tries to get away from her. Ruth **follows** her like a lost **puppy**. Linda is used to that by now. Ruth always looks up to Linda. She **tries** to do everything that Linda does. One day, Linda was getting **ready** to go out with friends. Linda didn't **notice** that Ruth was watching her when she was putting on her **makeup**. When Linda got home, Ruth was **waiting** for her in her room. Her face was **covered** with **permanent** markers. "What did you do?" **shouted** Linda. "I **painted** my face like you," answered Ruth.

32. Protective Dad



Elizabeth Williams was a beautiful girl. She grew up with her dad. Her dad was **overprotective**. He knew a lot of **guys** were interested in Elizabeth. Mr. Williams did his best to **scare** them all away. Boys would try to get Elizabeth's **attention**. Some would **throw** at her **window**. They thought Mr. Williams wouldn't **catch** them. Mr. William bought two **guard** dogs. He **trained** them to **attack** boys who tried this. Some boys would try to walk Elizabeth home. Mr. Williams made sure this didn't happen. He parked right in front of her school every day. He brought his two dogs with him each time. Elizabeth was **single** for a very long time.

33. Airplanes Are Safer Than Cars



Donald Campbell needed to go to New York. He lived in Los Angeles. Driving there would take three days. His only other option was to take an airplane. That would take around six hours. Donald was afraid of airplanes. He had never been on one. "That's a dumb fear," said his friend. "Cars are more dangerous than airplanes." Donald was sure this was a lie. He didn't trust something so big in the air. Donald ignored his friend. He was going to drive for three days. Halfway through the trip, Donald got very sleepy. He was on a highway. He crashed into a giant trailer.

34. Surprise In The Ocean



Kimberly and Jason were surfing. They did this every weekend. They were far into the ocean. Suddenly, something touched Jason's foot. Jason froze. "Is something wrong?" asked Kimberly. "Don't move," Jason replied. "I think there's a shark under us." Kimberly panicked. She put goggles on. Then, she looked under the water. When she came back up, she had a big smile on her face. She was laughing very loud. "This isn't funny!" said Jason. Suddenly, a baby seal jumped onto Jason's surf board. Jason screamed and jumped into the water. He hid there for almost a minute. "That's the shark!" said Kimberly. Jason was very embarrassed.

35. The Big Fight



Mr. and Mrs. King had a **teenage daughter** named Michelle. They were always **arguing** with her. Michelle was a good daughter. However, her parents were very **strict**. One evening, Michelle wanted to go out. Her parents weren't letting her go. "Your room isn't **clean enough!**" **shouted** Mrs. King. Michelle **decided** to **sneak** out. Her parents did not know where she was going. The next morning, Mrs. King went to Michelle's room. She wanted to **apologize** for being so **hard** on her. Michelle was nowhere to be found. Since they did not get to ask where she was going, they did not know where to look. They never saw Michelle **again**.

36. Fishy Lake



The Wright family loves fishing. They head to a nearby lake every weekend. They used to catch a lot of fish. Now, they are lucky to end up with two fish altogether. There are other differences at the lake. The water used to be crystal blue. Recently, it started looking a lot greener. It even smells a bit nasty. Mr. Wright is getting worried about it. There is a factory about a mile away from the lake. Mrs. Wright suspects they are responsible for the changes. "They're probably dumping their waste in the water," she says. "That's probably killing all the fish." They probably won't eat the fish they catch there anymore.

37. Women Can't Fix Cars



Sarah's car wasn't turning on. She **checked** the **engine**. She saw the problem. One of her **pipes** was **loose**. She would have to buy a new **piece** to fix it. Sarah headed to the **local auto shop**. After she bought the pipe, an **employee** offered to help her put it in the car. "No thanks," said Sarah. "I can do it myself." The employee laughed when she said this. "What's so funny?" asked Sarah. "Girls don't know how to fix cars," said the man employee. Sarah was **furious**. She almost **smacked** him with the pipe. Instead, she talked to his **manager**. Then, on her way out the door, she knocked a **shelf** over. "I hope men know how to clean," she said.

38. A Sport For Short People



David was a short man. He had always been the smallest boy in class. As an **adult** he **barely** even passed five feet. His height made David's **self-esteem** very **low**. He wanted to change that. David had always liked sports. **Sadly**, short people have a hard time **fitting** in on most sport teams. "Have you thought about becoming a **horse jockey**?" asked a friend. David decided to give it a try. The next day, David visited the local race **track**. David didn't even get a chance to **introduce** himself. Three people came up to ask if he was interested in joining their

racing team. His height was finally a huge **advantage**. David fit right in.

39. Ghosts Are Not Real



Thomas looked like a **tough** guy. "Nothing can **scare** me," he always said. "Not even a **ghost**?" asked his friend. "Of course not," said Thomas. "Ghosts aren't even real." The next day, Thomas and his They went to **explore** the neighborhood. They ran into an old **abandoned** house. They **dared** Thomas to go inside. He had to stay there for five minutes. Thomas was very **brave** at first. He couldn't see anything in the **dark**. **Suddenly** he started hearing things. It **sounded** like a woman **screaming**. Thomas ran out of the house crying.

40. Las Vegas



Michael lived in Minnesota. He was visiting the **West Coast**. His friends were going to show him around. "I just want to see Las Vegas!" said Michael. "Are you sure?" asked his friends. Michael **insisted**. He had always wanted to go to Las Vegas. Michael had seen a lot of movies about Vegas. Everything looked very bright and **fancy**. He couldn't wait to see it. When they **arrived**, Michael was **confused**. The streets all looked **dirty**

and old. In the movies, everyone looked happy. In **reality**, half of the people were **drunk**. The other **half** was angry from **losing** money in **casinos**. "This isn't what I pictured," said Michael.

41. The Car Accident



Nancy was 16 years old. She wanted to learn how to drive. Her parents were too busy to teach her. Nancy asked her older sister to help her. She didn't have any time **either**. Nancy was **frustrated**. "I'm sure driving isn't even that hard," thought Nancy. One night, she waited for everyone to go to bed. She **sneaked downstairs**. She **grabbed** the car keys and went

outside. She was going to teach herself to drive. Nancy turned the **engine** on. She **backed** the car up slowly. Then, she **pressed** the gas **pedal**. She had no idea the car was that fast. Nancy hit a small **bump** and pressed the **brake**. When she looked back, she saw a dark **shadow**. She had run over her dog.

42. get a job



Jeff was a forty-year-old man. He had no job. He never **even** went to **school**. Jeff had lived with his parents his **whole** life. They were starting to worry about him. All Jeff did every day was to play **video** games. "You need to do something with your life," said his parents. Jeff **ignored** them. He was happy with his life. Jeff's parents came up with a **plan**. They started asking him for **rent** money. "How am I **supposed** to **pay** that?" asked Jeff. "With a **job**!" **replied** his mom. When Jeff didn't give them rent, they took all his video games and sold them. Jeff was **furious**. He went out to look for a job. He needed to buy the video games back.

43. Always Carry A Spare



Christopher bought a new car. He was going to **travel** the **country** with it. His friends helped him **prepare** for the trip. "You should **carry** a **spare** tire," said Brian. Christopher didn't see a **point** to that. "New cars don't need spare **tires**," he said. One week later, Christopher went on his trip. He couldn't wait to **explore** the country. Suddenly, he heard a loud **pop**. His car started making a strange **noise**. Christopher pulled over to the side of the highway. He walked around his car. A back **wheel** had . He had barely driven for one hour. Christopher had to call Brian for help. Brian laughed at him for hours.

44. Black Friday



Thanksgiving is a national **holiday**. It is **celebrated** once a year. Mark loved Thanksgiving. It is his favorite holiday. Every year, he cooks a **turkey**. Mark's wife helps him. Mark cooks other dishes, too. He makes stuffing, **potato salad**, and **ham**. Mark **invites** his family to his Thanksgiving. Mark has a large family. Mark's wife also invites her family. She has a small family. Everybody brings food to the table. There is always **left over** food the next day. The **doorbell** rings. Mark invites his family inside. "Happy Thanksgiving," everybody says to each other. The food is cooked. They wait for Mark's **in-laws** to arrive. The doorbell rings. Mark's in-laws come inside. Everybody sits at the table. The food is served. Everybody is smiling and talking. Everybody begins to eat. Thanksgiving is a **festive** holiday.

45. The Pink House



Barbara **invited** her friends over to her house. She was **excited** to show them her new house. "What do you guys think?" she asked them. Her friends didn't know what to say. They looked around and tried to think of something nice to say. "It's interesting," said Betty. Barbara had a **strange taste**. Everything in her house was **pink**. This **included** the **curtains**, the **sofas**, and even the **carpet**. "What does your **husband** think about it?" asked Betty. "He loves it!" said Barbara. Betty and the other women didn't **believe** her. "I **swear** he does," said Barbara. "He picked the color himself!"

46. The Retired Actor



Mr. Moore was **retired**. He used to be an **actor**. He was very loved and **famous**. Everywhere he went, women would **stop** him. They used to want to **hug** him and take **pictures**. He was a very **handsome** man. It was **rare** to ever see him by himself. Now, Mr. Moore was almost always **alone**. Many years had **passed** since his acting days. He had aged a lot. Sometimes, he walked around Hollywood **boulevard**. He hoped someone would **recognize** him. No one ever did. He was no longer handsome. His good looks were now covered with wrinkles. He wished he could be young again.

47. don't be a bully



Richard had always been very **tall**. He was the biggest boy in **elementary** school. He used this to be a **bully**. He always **pushed** the small kids around. He did this all **through** high school. Many kids hated Richard. He made many people cry. As an **adult**, Richard was not very **successful**. He always thought he would be a **basketball** player. However, he **hurt** his **knee** and could not play anymore. Now, Richard needed a job. Richard **applied** to many places. He knew all the **bosses** of the companies. They were the men Richard used to bully as children. Richard had a very hard time finding a job.

48. Anniversary Surprise



It was Mr. and Mrs. Martin's one year **anniversary**. Mr. Martin wanted to **surprise** his wife. He decided to cook a nice **meal** for her. He would make her favorite dish. After hours of cooking, Mr. Martin was finished. He **set** the table before she got home. He wanted to make the evening perfect. He lit a lot of **candles** around the house and turned off the **lights**. Soon, the **doorbell rang**. Mr. Martin ran to the door. On his way there, he tripped over a candle. The **flame** landed on a **curtain**. The fire grew quickly. Soon it spread to the carpet. Mr. Martin ran out of the house. Mrs. Martin was **definitely** surprised .

49. Being Rich



Patricia went to a **private** university. She couldn't **afford** it herself. She was **lucky** to **receive** a **scholarship** to pay for her. Many other people at the school were very rich. This made Patricia **uncomfortable sometimes**. All her **classmates** dressed in expensive clothing. Patricia could **barely** even pay for her books. The last thing she was going to spend money on was clothing. Her classmates all drove **fancy** sports cars. Patricia took the bus to school. She was embarrassed for not having money. "Don't worry," said her mom. Soon you're going to

graduate. You will get a great job with your degree. One day, you will be as rich as them. Maybe you will be even richer.

50. In Love With His Best



James and Susan grew up together. They had always been best friends. Now, they were going to turn thirty. So much had changed. Susan was about to get married. James had introduced Susan to her fiancé. He knew they would get along great. It made James very happy to see Susan happy, too. However, James felt very strange. Susan's wedding was near.

Suddenly, James started feeling very jealous. "What have I done?" he thought. After twenty years of friendship, James realized something. He was in love with Susan. It was too late to do anything about it now.

Level 4

1- The First Day Of The Job



Tom just got **hired** at the **ice cream** shop. It was called **creamy goodness**. It was a five-minute walk from his house. Today was his first day on the job. He was **nervous**. He was also excited. He showed up in his **uniform**. He was early to the job. He wanted to make a good **impression**. His first **task** was to open the shop. He had to **prepare** the ice cream. He also had to set up the tables and the chairs for the **customers**. He had to clean all the **equipment**. He had to make sure everything was ready. His manager helped

him get ready. His coworkers also helped. He worked as a **cashier**. He **scooped** the ice cream. Tom loved his job.

2. The Sale Associate



Joe is a sale **associate**. He has a lot of **duties**. He helps customers find things. Customers can be **annoying**. They always think they're right. Joe always has to be nice to them. Joe also answers phone calls. People ask about **products** in the store. Joe cleans the bathroom. That's the worst part. It's

very **dirty**. He has to pick up trash. He has to refill the **soap**. Joe is also at the **cash register**. He **scans items**. He gives people change. He gives back money for **returns**. He thinks his job is okay, but he plans to **quit** in a few years.

3. Watching A Movie



Kenneth went to the movie **theater**. He likes to watch **action** movies. The more action, the better. He waited for his friends. They had planned to meet at 5 p.m. He waited outside. Twenty minutes **passed**. His friends were not there. He called one of them. It went **straight** to voice mail. He wondered where his friends were. He was getting

upset. He called his other friends. They did not answer. He went back to the theater. He bought a **ticket**. He went to the **concession** stand. He bought **popcorn** and **soda**. He went inside the viewing room. He found a **comfy** seat. He sat down. He watched the movie all by himself.

4. Washing Her Hair



Danielle looked in the **mirror**. Her **hair** was **oily**. She needed to wash it. It takes her 30 minutes to **wash** her hair. But she had a **date** in 15 minutes. She didn't want to look bad though. She got a table **cloth**. It had **pink** flowers on it. She **wrapped** it around her hair. Now her hair was all covered. She went

downstairs. Her brother started laughing at her. He told her to look in the mirror. She looked into a mirror. She looked **ridiculous** she was **jealous** of her brother. Her brother had short hair. It only took him 5 minutes to wash his hair.

5. The Store Was Closed



Cindy needed to **return** her **dress**. She tried it on at home earlier. It did not **fit** her. Today was the last day to **return** it. After today; she had to **keep** the dress. The store **closes** at 8 p.m. She started driving at 7:30 p.m. It took her 20 minutes to get to the **mall**. She only had 10 **minutes** left to park her

car and return her dress. Today was Saturday. There were too many cars in the **parking lot**. It took her 5 minutes to find a **parking space**. She **ran** out of the car, but she did not make it in time. The store was closed.

6. No Phone



Eileen had to see the **doctor**. She had no **appointment**. She had to wait for two hours to see the doctor. She was **bored**. She **forgot** her phone. She didn't know what to do. She looked **around**. Everyone had a **phone**. She looked to see if there were any **magazines**. Waiting rooms usually had magazines. There were magazines in **Spanish**. Eileen can't read Spanish. She turned on the TV. There was no **cable**. Eileen did not like **local** television. It was boring. She turned off the TV. She tried to talk to the

person next to her. The person **ignored** her. He was on his phone. She wished she brought her phone.

7. Pizza Delivery



Tom was **hungry**, but **lazy** too. He didn't want to cook. He didn't want to go to a **restaurant**. He didn't even want to **heat** up **leftovers**. He decided to have a pizza **delivered** to him. He went on a pizza website. He ordered a small pizza. He waited for the pizza to arrive. Later, he heard the **doorbell** waited **ring**. He was too lazy to get up at first. He got up after five minutes. He opened the door. The pizza **smelled** so good. He paid the delivery man. He gave him a good **tip**, too. Tom sat back down on his **couch**. He ate the **whole** pizza. He was full.

8. Bob Lost 50 Pounds



Bob had been exercising every day for a year. He had also been eating **healthy**. He wanted to see how much **weight** he lost. He **stepped** on the **scale**. He closed his eyes. He was **scared**. What if he **gained** weight? He opened his eyes slowly. He looked down. He smiled. He lost 50 pounds. He jumped up and down. He wanted to **celebrate**. He went to his favorite **burger** place. He ordered the **jumbo** size. He felt bad at first, but he **deserved** it. He ordered a large size of fries. He used five **ketchup packets**. He took his first bite. It **tasted** so good. He would be healthy again tomorrow.

9. Messy And Clean



Marie was **messy**. Cassie was **clean**. The two girls were **roommates**. Marie had a **bunch** of clothes on her bed. Cassie just had a **blanket** on hers. Cassie told Marie to put her clothes somewhere else. Marie **ignored** her. Marie had food from last week on her desk. It smelled bad. cassia told her to **throw** it away. Marie said no. Cassie threw it away herself. Marie **yelled** at her. She was mad that cassia **touched** her things. Cassie yelled at her back. She was

mad at Marie for being messy. Marie left and **slammed** the door .cassia was all **alone**. It was a good time to clean.

10. Instant Noodles



Jessica was a college student. She did not know how to cook well. She does not have much time either. She is always busy. She has an important test coming up. She **grabs** a **bowl** of **instant noodles**. Instant noodles are easy to **prepare**. She **rips** off the **lid halfway**. She rips the **seasoning**

packet. The seasoning is what makes the noodles taste good. She pours the seasoning on the noodles. She fills the bowl with water. She closes the lid. She puts the bowl in the microwave. She heats it up for three minutes. She sits down. She studies while she waits. She hears the "ding." it's ready!

11. She Bought A Gallon



Allison wanted to eat breakfast. She took a bowl from the sink. She opened the cabinet. There were 10 different cereal boxes. She got her favorite cereal box. It was the sugary kind. She poured the cereal into her bowl. She opened the refrigerator. She grabbed the milk carton. She poured the milk into the bowl. There was only a little bit of milk though. It was

not enough for her cereal. She couldn't eat cereal without milk. She **groaned**. She drove to the market. It was closed. She drove to another **market**. It was far, but it was open. She bought a **gallon** of milk. Finally, she could have a good breakfast.

12. Being Young



George and his friends went to the park. They first went on the **swings**. Everyone **stared** at them. They are already in **college**. They wanted to feel **young** again. A parent **tapped** George on the **shoulder**. It was another. She asked George to **get off**. George asked, "why?" "because my little girl wants to go on," she **replied**. George turned to the **side**. There was a young girl. She was about 10 years old. George felt bad. He got off the swing. "here you go, kid." George said. His friends **laughed** at him. George went on the slide. He felt young on the **slide**.

13. Borrowing Books From The Library



Daniel goes to the library. He needs to **borrow** books on **penguins**. The library has all **types** of books. The library has movies and cds, too. Dan doesn't have books on penguins. He actually doesn't buy that many books. He thinks books are a **waste** of money. Why buy books when you can borrow them from the library? He has to make a library **card**. He **fills** out his **information**. The application asks **basic** questions. He signs his name at the **bottom**. He borrows 10 books on penguins. He goes to the **checkout** desk. The **librarian scans** the books. He takes the books home.

14. A Generous Woman



She had a lot of **money**. She was a **generous woman**. She was once **poor**. She understood what it was like. She wanted to **help** out. On Christmas day, she handed out **food** to the poor. She made the food herself. She put a turkey leg, a scoop of mash potatoes, and peas on a plate. She gave the plate to each homeless person she saw. The homeless **people** loved her. One homeless man even **gave** her a penny. She said to **keep** it for him. She decided to do more. She gave \$50 to every homeless person she saw. She **felt** good.

15. A Changed Man



He was a **mean** man. He **treated** people **badly**. He has no **respect** for anyone or anything. He **spits** on the **ground**. He **sticks** his **gum** on desks. He makes people cry. He makes his dates pay for dinner. He yells at his maid. His wife decided to leave him. This changed him. He wanted her back. He became nice. He **donated** to the poor. He **volunteered** at the animal **shelter**. He gave **compliments** to people. He wrote a letter to his wife. He stuck pictures of himself doing good things on the letter. He sent it .hopefully she would come back to him.

16. Take Your Shoes Off



Hilary went to brae's house. Brae's older sister lia, stared at Hillary. Hilary was **confused**. Why did lia look so **mad**? Lia **whispered** something to bree. Bree nodded her head. Lia left the house. Bree told Hilary that her shoes were still on. Hilary was confused. Bree **explained**. **Guests** should take off their shoes when **inside** someone's house. Hilary was surprised. She had no idea. She always wore shoes inside the house. She didn't want to get her feet **dirty**. She didn't want to **argue** with bree though. She said sorry. Bree told Hilary to **apologize** to lia. Hilary called lia and said sorry. Lia said it was okay.

17. Mom Doesn't Like John



Amanda is dating John. They have been dating for a year.
Amanda wants John to meet her parents. John does not want

to. He has heard that they are **mean**. Amanda **yells** at him. John finally gives in. They go to Amanda's parents' house. John has presents for them. John gives Amanda's dad **chocolates**. Then, he gives Amanda's mom **flowers**. They say thank you. They all eat **dinner together**. Amanda's mom asks John what he does for a living. John says he is an **actor**. Amanda's mom **nods**. She does not like that he doesn't have a **stable** job. She wishes that he was a doctor. She does not **approve**.

18. An Old Friend



Sylvia was reading a **magazine**. One of the **advertisement** caught her attention. It was her old friend Tina from high school. She was a **model** now. She looked amazing! Sylvia wanted to talk to Tina again. She checked her phone book from high school. She called Tina's number. Nobody picked up. She **probably** changed her number. Sylvia looked tine up on Facebook. Almost everyone on earth has a Facebook **account**. She managed to find her. **Technology** made everything so easy. Sylvia **messaged** tine. Tina **replied** back. They made plans to meet at a cafe.

19. Left Keys In The Car



Stephanie left her **keys** in the car. She has another **set** of keys at home. She called her brother. "hey, are you busy?" she asked. "yes, I'm watching TV," he said. "well, too bad. I need you to **drive** to my school," she said. He **complained**. He didn't want to get up. The **movie** he was watching was good. "please. I'll **clean** your room for a week," she **offered**. "**deal!** I'll be there!" her brother said. Stephanie **waited**. Her brother **arrived**. He came in his white **truck**. He gave her the keys. Stephanie opened the car door. The **siblings** drove back home.

20. Donating Clothes



Carrie has too many **clothes**. She does not have room for anything anymore. Her friends tell her to **donate** them. Carrie thinks that is a bad idea. She thinks it is a **waste** of money. She wants to **sell** her clothes. Her friends tell her that is a bad idea. They think that no one will want to **buy** her clothes. They say her clothes are not in **style** anymore. Carrie **ignored** them. She took **pictures** of her clothes. She **posted** them on a **website**. Two weeks passed by. Her friends were right. No one wanted to buy her clothes. Carrie **decided** to donate them

21. Extra Food



The soccer **team** had a **potluck** dinner. Each team member brought one kind of food or drink. There were 40 members. There were 40 **different** kinds of food and drinks. There were **noodles**, **chips**, **soda**, and **burritos**. At the end of the dinner, there were a lot of **leftovers**. "anyone want to take food home?" the **soccer coach** asked. The players shook their head. They didn't like leftovers. "I'm just going to throw everything away then," the coach said. "no! That is such a **waste**. This could feed a family," said one of the players. The other members agreed. The coach had an idea. He drove

to the homeless **shelter**. "hi! I would like to **donate** all this food."

22. Not To Hang Out With A Liar



Virginia wanted to hang out with Claudia. They had not seen each other in four years. Virginia called Claudia. "hey, it's me, Ginny!" she said. "wow! I have not seen you for a long time," Claudia said. "want to get lunch at hop?" Virginia asked. "I'm sorry I have class," Claudia said. Virginia was **sad**. They said good-bye. Virginia went to hop with **another** friend. Before she went **inside**, she saw Claudia **walk** by. She was **surprised**. Claudia had **lied** to her. "I thought you had class," Virginia said. "uh...I...did I say that?" she said. "**forget** it. I would **never** want to hang out with a **liar**," Virginia said.

23. Buy One, Get One Free



Brandy was shopping. She saw a **sign** that said "bogo!" she asked a worker what that meant. "it means buy one, get one free," she said. She thought that was **awesome**. What a good **deal**! She looked **through** the clothing **racks**. She found a **shirt** for \$30. She had to find something else now. She saw a **skirt** she liked. It was only \$5. That meant it wasn't **worth** it. She wanted to get two **items** that were **similar** in price, but she couldn't find anything. She looked for an hour. She found a pretty dress. She checked the **price tag**. It was \$80. She was annoyed. She ended up buying the shirt and the \$5 skirt.

24. Playing Tennis At The Park



Susan and felicity are going to play **tennis** at the park. They have been playing this **month**. They go to **different schools**. Susan goes to school in Canada. Felicity goes to school in the united states. They used to go to the same high school. They were on the tennis team. Now they only see each other in the summer. Susan **visits** the united states every **summer**. It **usually** does not **rain** in the summer, but it rained on the day they planned to play tennis.

They were **upset**. They still met each other. They stayed in and talked.

25. Grandmother's Dying Wish



April is from Colorado, where there's a lot of **snow**. April does not like the snow, so she lives in **sunny** California with her mom. April's grandmother is 100 years old. She lives in Colorado. She is very **sick**. April's mom wants to see her. She

wants April to go to Colorado with her. April **really** does not want to go. April gets a **letter** from her grandmother. Her **grandmother** says her last dying **wish** is to see April and her mother. April feels bad. She **decides** to go **because** she **loves** her grandmother.

26. Losing A Ticket



Zack won a **ticket** to an **amusement** park. He won it from a **dance** contest. He had years of experience, so it was easy for him to **win**. He **packed** up all his **belongings** to go to the amusement park. He was planning to meet his friends there. He got in his sports car. He drove to the amusement park. He went up to the ticket **counter**. "welcome! May I see your ticket?" asked the **employee**. He **reached** into his **pocket**. Nothing was there. He started sweating. He emptied out his backpack. It was not there. He must have left it at home.

27. Fried Eggs



Cynthia decided to make **eggs** for her daughter's birthday because it is her favorite food. She woke up her daughter. Her daughter rubbed her eyes and **yawned**. Cynthia **hugged** her and said happy birthday. She gave her a food **tray**. There were **bacon**, pancakes, and eggs, of course. Cynthia's daughter looked at the eggs and said, "what is this?" "it's eggs, **silly**. Your favorite," Cynthia said. "it doesn't look the same," her daughter said. Cynthia **explained** that you could make eggs in many different

ways. Her daughter had only ever eaten them scrambled. Cynthia fried the eggs this time. Her daughter took a small **bite**. "**delicious!**" she said.

28. Stealing With Wrong



Cory was poor. His parents had recently **divorced**. He lived with his dad. His dad only made \$9 an hour. Cory had four other **siblings**. Rent was expensive. **Electricity** was expensive. Water was expensive. Everything was

expensive. Cory was so **hungry**. He decided to **steal**. He knew it was bad, but he was poor. He saw a **delicious**-looking apple. He looked around him. No one was looking at him. It was **safe** to steal. He put the apple in his **pocket**. He walked **towards** the store's **exit**. A **moment** later, he walked back to the apple **section**. He put the apple back. He did not want to be a bad person. Stealing was wrong.

29. She Loves Walking



Veronica is 21 years old. She has not had a driver's **license** yet. Her friends make fun of her. She does not **care**. She loves walking. She can walk fast. She can walk for hours. She walks to school every day. She walks to work every day. She walks to the **market** when she needs to. She does not get tired easily. She thinks walking is very **relaxing**. Running is a different **story**. She does not like to **run**. Running is **tiring**. Her **stomach hurts** when she runs. Veronica's new **job** is far **away**. She still won't get a car. She plans to take the bus.

30. Fried Cabbage



Gina **recently** moved out of her parents' place. She was excited and **scared**. She lived with her parents for over 18 years. Her parents used to **cook** for her. Now she must cook for herself. At first, she went out to eat a lot. But it got too expensive. She decided to learn how to cook. She planned to make **fried cabbage**. It was **healthy** and easy to make. She put a pan on the **stove**. She turned on the stove. She put some oil on the **pan**. She put the cabbage in the pan. She **stirred** the cabbage around. She closed the pan with a **lid**. She waited a **couple** minutes. It was ready.

31. America Is Diverse



So big. It has 50 states. Some **states** are bigger than other **countries**. Texas is the biggest state in America. Texas itself is bigger than France. People sometimes **consider** states as countries **because** they are so **different**. Even cities can be very different from each other. Los Angeles and Bakersfield are both in California. Los Angeles is **urban**. It is very busy. There are a lot of shops. There are a lot of

businesses. There is a lot to do in Los Angeles. Bakersfield is **rural**. It is **quiet**. There is not much to do. Houses are **cheap** there. America is very diverse.

32. weird schedules



Finn has a **strange** sleeping **schedule**. He goes to sleep at 5 a.m. And wakes up at 3 p.m. He has a **weird** eating schedule, too. He eats breakfast at 3:30 p.m. He eats lunch at 7 p.m. He eats **dinner** at 1 a.m. one day, he was feeling

hungry at 1 a.m. He did not want to cook though. He decided to go to a 24/7 diner. 24/7 means always available. He drove down to the diner. There were a few people there. Finn sat on a stool by himself. He ordered a burger and a milkshake.

33. Rick Is Over Weighted



Rick loves food. He loves food too much though. He is **overweight**. He eats food when he is **bored**. He eats food when he is **stressed** out. He eats food when he **hangs out** with his friends. He eats **huge** meals. He eats **waffles**, fried chicken, and eggs for breakfast. He eats **pizza**, French fries, and **soda** for lunch. He eats a **hamburger** and **onion** rings for dinner. He also eats a lot of snacks between meals. He never exercises. He gets tired very easily. He is okay with his **weight** though. He laughs when people call him **fat**.

34. Funny Eating Habits



Heather has funny eating **habits**. She likes **soggy cereal**, so she waits 10 minutes after she pours the milk. She eats pizza with a **fork** and **knife**. She eats **French fries** with **chopsticks**. She drinks ketchup from the packet. She puts **ketchup** on her chips. She likes to eat mustard with **dumplings**. She likes to eat pizza cold. She likes to eat **melted** ice cream. She likes eating **seeds**. She likes eating bananas with **pretzels**. She is not shy to eat weirdly around her friends. People usually stare at her, but heather does not care.

35. Food Samples



Rosie went to the **supermarket**. She wanted to buy milk, **cereal**, and chicken. She took a shopping **cart**. She went to the **meat aisle**. She grabbed a pack of chicken, and put it inside the shopping cart. She went to the **dairy** aisle. She **grabbed** a **gallon** of milk, and put it inside the shopping cart. She went to the cereal aisle. She grabbed a box of sweet cereal, and put it inside the shopping cart. She saw a long line of people. She was **curious** what they were lining up for. She looked at the **front** of the line. They were giving out samples of pizza! Samples are free. There is always a line for **samples**. Rosie decided to stand in line, too.

36. A Photo Collage



Dianne wanted to get tina a **gift**. She wanted to get tina something meaningful. At first, she wanted to buy her something. She knew tina wanted a **designer** bag for a long time. Dianne did not think it was **meaningful** enough. She wanted to give something that came from the **heart**. She decided to make a **photo collage**. She got old photos of them over 10 years. She cut them outland **glued** them on a **cardboard** piece. It was not expensive to

make. Dianne **wrapped** the gift up. She gave it to tina. "I hope you like it," Dianne said. Tina opened it. She **stared** at the collage. Dianne could tell she did not like it. Tina smiled. "love it," she said. "I can tell you're lying," Dianne said. "fine. I just thought you would give me something better," tina said.

37. Wear It, Return It



Jacqueline had an **event** to go to. It was a **reunion** with her high school classmates. Everyone would be there. She wanted to look great and **impress** them. She bought an expensive dress. It was red and **sparkly**. It cost \$500. She was planning to keep the tag on because she wanted to return it after the reunion. She went to the reunion. Everyone looked at her. She stood out everyone was dressed in pants and shirts. Someone was even wearing **pajamas**. Jacqueline felt **embarrassed**. People complimented her though. She tried to forget about it. She started talking to her old classmates. Then, she felt a cold **splash** on her. Someone had **accidentally spilled cranberry juice** on her! She could not return the dress anymore

38. Reading In A Rainy Day



Karen looked out the window. There were **drops** of water on the window. It was starting to rain. Dogs began **barking**. The **clouds** started getting **dark**. Karen had planned to play soccer with her friends. She had to **cancel** the plan. She was **sad** at first. She then started to read her book. Rainy **weather** was the **perfect** time to read! She made herself a cup of hot **chocolate**. She sat on her couch. She put a blanket over herself. She opened her book. It was interesting. She read 100 pages in an hour. She heard her phone ring. "Karen! Let's

go play **soccer**! It stopped **raining**," her friend said. Karen did not want to go anymore. She wanted to read her book. "I'm going to stay in," Karen said. She continued reading.

39. Whole house



Maya likes to save money. She likes **wholesale** stores better than **markets**. Wholesale stores sell things in large **quantities** for a lower **price**. They have things like a **gallon** of **mustard**. A **regular** market only sells a **bottle** of mustard. Maya wants to

buy apples, ketchup, and **chips**. The apples come in a **pack**, which has 20 apples. The pack costs \$6. That means each apple is only 30 **cents**. At the market, each apple costs 40 cents. Maya's husband does not like wholesale stores. He get stirred of things easily. He would rather buy fewer apples for a higher price. "Maya, we can't finish 20 apples before they go bad," her husband said. "Of course we can!" Maya said.

40. Shopping At Thrift Shop



Marina likes **clothes**. She likes being **unique**. A lot of girls in her school shop at the same stores. Marina **hates** to have the same **outfit** as another girl's. That is why she shops at **thrift** shops. A thrift shop sells things that people **donate**. They are usually clothes that have been worn before. Sometimes there are **stains** and **hole** on the clothes. They are very cheap. Marina enjoys looking through clothing **racks**. She usually finds at least one thing she likes. Last weekend she found a **dress**. It was black, and long. She thought it would be good to wear to a **fancy** dinner.

41. Borrowing Books And Movies



Kaylin went to the library. She needed to get books for her **project** on Barack Obama. She found his **biography**. It was a **heavy** book with a lot of **information**. She **flipped** through the pages. There were some nice pictures of Obama. The book seemed helpful. She put it in her **basket**. She found the movie **section**. She decided to **check** it out. She could **borrow** a movie for three days for free. It would **cost** \$3 to borrow a movie for seven days. She picked a movie about a girl with **diabetes**. She put it in her basket. She checked out the book and the movie.

42. Never Give Up



Kenneth is a good **tennis** player. He has been playing since he was 7 years old. He is now 16 years old. He **competes against** other players all around the country. They are also very good. He is Competing against the best **teen** tennis

player tomorrow. He is **nervous**. He has heard **rumors** about him. The other player is named Antonio. Antonio is mean. He is very **competitive**. He is not **afraid** to **hurt** people. He has **punched** someone before. Kenneth told his dad he wanted to quit. "Why? You have been doing so well!" Kenneth's dad said. "I'm **scared** of Antonio," he said. "Never give up," Kenneth's dad said.

43.Trying New Things



Shirley is a very **picky** eater. She does not eat anything with **cheese**. She does not like chicken or **pork**. She does not like trying new things. One day, Shirley went to her friend's house. Her friend's dad made them a **Cambodian** dish. Shirley was used to eating American food. "I can't eat this," Shirley said to her friend. "You have to! My dad made it for you," she said. Shirley felt bad. She **grabbed** her fork. She slowly **stuck** it into the food. She ate it slowly. It was **surprisingly** good. She finished her food in five **minutes**. "Wow! I will get you another **plate**," her friends' dad said.

44. Camera Shy



Charlie was **camera shy**. He did not like having his **photo** taken. He often ran away from a camera. Charlie and his friends were in **Hawaii**. Bob wanted to take a **group** picture. He thought the beach would be a great place to do it. Charlie began to get **nervous**. His friends got closer **together**. Charlie **walked** away. "Charlie, come on!" they said. Charlie **ignored** them. Bob put his camera down. He **ran** after him. "Charlie, you know why pictures are important?" he asked. Charlie **shook** his head. "When you're old, you and your kids will want to see how you looked like when you were young," Bob said.

45.Putting On Sun Screen



Jane and Tara went to the beach. It was hot. The sun was out. The sky was clear. Jane put on some sunscreen. She put it on her arms, legs, and face. She did not want her skin to burn. Her sunscreen was SPF 50. That means Jane can stay in the sun 50 times longer than she could without it. With SPF 50, Jane probably will not get sunburnt. She asked Tara if she needed any. "No, I'm okay," Tara replied. Jane warned her that she would get burnt. Tara ignored her. When they went back home, Tara just got tanner. She didn't get burnt. Some people don't burn.

46. A Problematic Car



Tyler has had a red Honda for 20 years. A lot of bad things have **happened** to his car. There are a lot of **scratches**. Most of them are from **hitting** the **curb**. Someone also **keyed** his car. The red color has **faded**. The heating and cooling systems are **funny**. When it is hot outside, only the **heater** works. When it is **cold** outside, only the **air conditioner** works. The windows only open half way. Only the **country** music station works. The windshield wipers scratch the windows. The car has to be manually locked. Tyler plans to get a new car. He is waiting to earn enough money.

47. Ask For Forgiveness



Haley has wanted to get her ears pierced since she was **young**. Her parents have never **let** her. They don't like how it looks. They tell her she can **pierce** her ears when she doesn't live with them **anymore**. All of Haley's good friends have pierced ears. They told her to do it. They said that she can **hide** them with her **hair**. Haley didn't want to be **anxious** all the time though. If she pierced her **ears**, her parents would get mad. That was it. They could not be mad **forever**. Haley took a **deep breath**. She pierced her ears.

48. Zoo Animals



Hannah, Stephanie and Erica went to the **zoo** .they saw a lot of **cute** animals. There were giraffes, which have long **necks** . There were **monkeys** , whose faces look like human **faces**. They eat a lot of **bananas** though. There were **horses**, which have nice **hair**. There were **koalas**. They were sleeping. There were **pandas**. They were big. There were **iguanas**. They look funny. There were bears. They look soft. Hannah, Stephanie, and Erica wanted to **touch** the animals. They could not. They could only take pictures.

49. Chocolates Is Too Sweet



Susie likes to eat **chocolate**. She really likes chocolate with **caramel**. Her mom gives her a chocolate bar. Susie is happy. She **bites** the **bar**. It is **tasty**. She starts to get **thirsty**. The chocolate is too **sweet**. "Mom, can you get me a drink?" she asks. Her mom gives her a drink. Susie drinks it. It is chocolate milk. "Too sweet!" Susie **yells**. "You never said what kind of drink you wanted," her mom says. Susie gets up from her **seat**. She **grabs** a water **bottle**. She drinks a lot of water. "Much better, "she says. She continues eating the chocolate.

50.Taking Good Care Of Teeth



Chuck has really white teeth. He has never had a **cavity** before. He takes good care of his teeth. He **brushes** his teeth with **whitening toothpaste** for 5 minutes. He brushes in a **circular motion**. He does not forget his **tongue**. **Afterwards**, he uses **minty mouthwash**. He **rinses** his **mouth** with it for a minute. It burns a little bit. Finally, he **flosses** between every tooth. He does this process after he eats. He even does this after eating a **snack**. He brings his teeth cleaning supplies everywhere. He even brings them to school!